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Calendar of forthcoming Events.

MAINE STATE POLYCHROME SOCIETY: at Waterville, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 25th-28th. Geo. B. Sawyer, Secretary, Waterville.

MAINE DAIRYMAN'S ASSOCIATION: at Portland, Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 26th-27th. W. W. Sawyer, Secretary, Portland.

County Exhibitions:

LINCOLN COUNTY: at Jefferson Trotting Park, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 25th-27th. J. J. Hobbes, Secretary, East Jefferson.

ROCKEFELLER FARM: at Orono, Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 25th-26th. James L. Buckman, B. A. Burr, Secretary, Bangor.

ROCKEFELLER FARM: at Bowdoin, Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 25th-26th. C. W. Woodbury, Secretary, Skowhegan.

ROCKEFELLER FARM: at Farmington, Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 1st-2nd. Peter F. Tunks, Secretary, Farmington.

ROCKEFELLER FARM: at Winslow, Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 25th-26th. I. E. May, B. A. Burr, Secretary, Winslow.

ROCKEFELLER FARM: at Topsham, Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 25th-26th. W. E. Wright, Secretary, Topsham.

ROCKEFELLER FARM: at Lewiston, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 2nd-3rd. W. E. Wright, Secretary, Lewiston.

ROCKEFELLER FARM: at Milo, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 26th-27th. D. B. Woodcock, Secretary, Milo.

ROCKEFELLER FARM: at Readfield, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 2nd-3rd. J. M. Kempton, Secretary, Strong.

ROCKEFELLER FARM: at Freeport, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 26th-27th. H. F. Porter, Secretary, Freeport.

ROCKEFELLER FARM: at Thornton Station, Thursday, Oct. 4th. Wesley Webb, Secretary, Unity.

WALDO COUNTY: at Belgrade, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 2nd-3rd. E. W. Smith, Secretary, Belgrade.

NORTH KENNEBEC: at Waterville, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 26th-27th. A. L. McFadie, Secretary.

KNOX COUNTY: at Camden, Tuesday, Wednesday, Oct. 2nd-3rd. J. P. L. Loring, Secretary.

WALDO AND PENOBSCOT: at Monroe, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 2nd-3rd. H. E. Sealey, Secretary.

CUMBERLAND CENTRE FARMERS' CLUB: at Cumberland Centre, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 2nd-3rd. J. P. L. Loring, Secretary.

FOOTBALL: at Topsham, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 2nd-3rd. W. W. Tilton, Secretary.

FOOTBALL: at Dixfield, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 27th-28th.

WEED COUNTRY: at North Anson, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 24th-26th. E. W. Smith, Secretary.

ROCKEFELLER FARM: at South Norway, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 2nd-3rd. R. A. Davis, Secretary, South Norway.

PROSPECT AND STOCKMAN'S CLUB: at Prospect, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 2nd-3rd. H. C. Hayes, Secretary.

MONVILLE FARMERS' CLUB: at Bryant's Corner, Monville, Wednesday, Oct. 10th.

The Fair.

The great show opened under the most favorable auspices. The weather was everything that could be desired—neither too warm nor too cold. The grounds were in good condition; the crowd was large and the receipts more than double what they were last year. Annoyances and petty vexations were not entirely wanting; though the board of managers was as efficient, no doubt, as ever conducted a great exhibition. On the whole, however, it is down as one of the most successful and satisfactory exhibitions ever held in the State.

A very able and eloquent address of welcome to the New England Society was delivered by Gen. J. M. Brown, President of the State Agricultural Society and also by Gov. Connor; and was replied to by Dr. Loring, President of the New England Society. Dr. Loring, after speaking of the advantages of the State of Maine as an agricultural State, alluded to the social life of the farmer. He strongly objected to Col. Waring's plan of relieving the monotony of farm life by collecting together in small villages. The address will be found on our second page.

A much better plan of arrangements was perfected and carried out this year than last. Nearly everything that the farmer would care to see was upon the grounds. The stock of all kinds, the agricultural machinery and implements, the means of conveyance, the vegetables, and products of the dairy are all found in their appropriate places. The plan adopted of requiring no entrance fee resulted in bringing out great numbers of stock and implements; and the employment of experts as judges, besides inspiring a feeling of confidence, induced the exhibition of only the best specimens.

There were several new and pleasing features incorporated into this exhibition. One of the most agreeable and, perhaps, best appreciated by his many friends, was the attractive and appetizing display made by Mr. Fred Atwood of Winslow, upon a certain table in his tent, surrounded by his mowers, his plows, and his rakes, and accompanied by his knives and forks. The game of Lacrosse probably awakened as much interest as any feature of the exhibition. It will no doubt become a popular game from this starting.

Although this was in a New England Fair, yet in reality it was little else than a State show—at least in most of the departments. Very few exhibitors were from other States than Maine. In the cattle department, especially, we were disappointed in not seeing the herds of Dr. Sturtevant or Col. Waring, or others of equal note.

It will be seen by the report of the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Society that some radical changes have been made in the board of management. While no doubt the society will continue to prosper, as it evidently has since its re-organization, yet much regret has been expressed that the old officers were not re-elected.

Certainly the society could have been managed by no person with more energy, and character and taste than has been displayed in the administration of its affairs by Gen. J. M. Brown. Much of the present and past success of the society has its organization, which has been inspired by their able management. Let us hope that the new board will be able to conduct its affairs with equal ability and success.

New England and Maine State Exhibition

At Portland, Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7, 1877.

Owing to the continued illness of Mr. Boardman, who has for many years presided over the affairs of the State Fair for this department, we have been dependent largely for the following account of last week's successful exhibition, at Portland, upon the excellent daily reports furnished to the public by the enterprising publishers of the *Portland Press*. We think it will be found of sufficient general interest to warrant us in giving it the space it occupies, to the exclusion of other matter. The premium awards will be given in full next week.

At the opening of the fair, on Saturday, Sept. 4th, the *Portland Press* exhibited a pair of South American cattle, which are quite a curiosity. They are small and of a curious brown color.

Sheep and Swine.

The *Portland Press* exhibited a pair of sheep and swine. In a pole of numbers the Cotswold took the lead. Col. Mattocks had a fine exhibit of this breed, both imported and American. The buck Centralian, the largest and most robust of the swine, was a fine specimen. Then there was Broadside, another fine animal, and several large fine swine. Two ewes bred in Canada were of great interest, and were no poor copy of the *Portland Press*.

At the opening of the fair, on Saturday, Sept. 4th, the *Portland Press* showed a flock of 22 Southdowns. In the lot were six fine yearlings. They competed for the prizes in all classes.

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dow of the barn and his Merrill sold out of the other, crying for bread. The result of want of knowledge and much money wasted. But trotting at fairs afford amusement, and helps run fairs profitably, and he thought it could be made innocent and profitable.

Chas. E. Jones made some entertaining remarks. He thought the danger of racing exaggerated, and that horses were taking the lead.

Mr. Loring said the great call on Maine now was for working oxen, and a yoke of oxen such as he had seen pulling to load would take \$2000 to \$3000. The market price of stock as it was shown: it had taken it out of his pocket to day. He should as soon think of throwing the crockery out of his kitchen window as putting his oxen out of the barn.

Mr. Burleigh rejoined, and said horses did not pay farmers five dollars a ton for hay they ate, while oxen pay ten dollars a ton for it. The fall after the summer work, while the horse must go to the market and be sacrificed. He thought the spindly Knox stock had been a loss rather than a gain.

Mr. Woodson said the reason that other New England States have so small a representation of cattle here is that the railroads have not transported them so cheaply as the horses. Dr. J. W. Howard was the prime mover in the matter.—Mr. Wm. S. Wadle committed suicide at the Sprague factory boarding-house by hanging. He was 23 years of age and with his mother and brother resided about four miles from the city on the Belgrade road. No adequate cause for the rash act has been assigned.—Mr. Atwood of the Waldoboro News was in the city last week.

Mr. James M. Tracy's fourth and last matinee at Moonian Hall, Saturday afternoon, was honored by a large and select audience, completely filling the floor of the hall. Mr. Tracy's selections were all of a brilliant character, rather too long to please a miscellaneous audience, but were played with that technical finish and expression of which he seems to be a perfect master.

Work is being pushed on the new hotel block and Allen's block. The foundation walls of each are fine specimens of stone-masonry. The granite of which they are built is a home product and is more valuable than a mine of the precious metals.

The following are the officers of the Juvenile Temperance Club of this city, for the next term: Joshua Nye, Superintendent; Mr. J. A. Arnold, President; M. Holway, 1st Vice President; G. C. Howard, 2d Vice President; F. H. Ownen, Secretary; C. A. Brick, Treasurer; W. S. Perkins, Sergeant-at-Arms.—Burglars recently entered the house of H. R. Randall on State street, in the night time, but were frightened away before securing any plunder. —He thinks Maine oxen stand best at Bridgeport of any working oxen.

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Collectors' Notices.

M. C. S. Aver will call upon our subscribers in Androscoggin county during the month of September.

Mr. J. T. Clark will visit Penobscot county during September.

Mr. S. E. Fisher will call upon our subscribers in Hancock county in September.

The Death of Thiers.

A cable telegram which appeared in our foreign news column, last week, briefly announced the death of Thiers, ex-President of the French Republic. His death appears to have been very sudden and unexpected. He rose on Monday morning of last week quite early, and worked until half past seven when he went out for an hour's walk. He afterwards wrote till noon, and then took his luncheon with a good appetite, but near the close of the repast, he stammered out a few words, his mouth contracted, his eyes became covered with film and he was carried to his bed. Prostration was complete after a few moments and he continued in a nearly unconscious state until six o'clock when the great man breathed his last.

Louis Adolphe Thiers was born in Mar-

cellles April 16, 1797, of humble parentage, his father being a locksmith. At an early age he determined to make his mark in the world and his studies were unremitting. He possessed a wonderful faculty for acquiring and retaining knowledge, and his perseverance was the fit ally of his intellectual powers.

He was educated at the lyceum of his native city and at the law school of Aix, where he was admitted to the bar in 1818, and practised until 1821, when he removed to the French metropolis where he engaged in journalism. He became the intimate friend of La Fayette, Talleyrand and other distinguished men of the world, and between 1823 and 1827 he wrote the History of the French Revolution in ten large volumes. In 1828 he started the National newspaper, which contributed largely in bringing about the revolution of 1830.

The same year he was elected to the Chamber of Deputies from Aix, and was also appointed assistant Secretary of the Department of Finance.

He had now fairly entered upon his public career which was to continue for nearly half a century. His history of the revolution gave him a place in the front rank of historical writers and his quickness of apprehension, coolness in debate and talents as an exponent of the most intricate questions, at once gave him a commanding position in the Chamber of Deputies and in the affairs of the government. During his political career up to the dethronement of Louis Napoleon, he held many of the most important offices of the government and added to the wisdom of a statesman, the virtues of a patriot. He was always implicitly confided in by his party and also had the respect of his opponents. In 1838, he strongly urged political reforms, but opposed the Republic, but when the King had fled and the Republic was established, he accepted it as a protection against anarchy and was elected to the Constitutional Assembly. He supported Louis Napoleon for President, against Lamartine, but when the President began to develop his ambitions in his place in the Legislative Assembly, Thiers, fearing his warning voices against a new Napoleon, he was arrested at the court d'estat in 1851, imprisoned, and subsequently banished, but was permitted to return to the next year. He stood aloof from politics for a few years, but in 1863 was returned to the Assembly, from Paris.

In 1870, Thiers bitterly opposed the declaration of war against Prussia, taking the ground which events proved to be correct, that the Government was rushing to certain defeat. At the conclusion of peace, in 1871, he was first elected to the National Assembly, subsequently Chief of the Executive, and in August of that year he was elected President of the French Republic. He held the office until 1873, when, being baffled by the combinations against him, he resigned, and was succeeded by MacMahon.

In 1876 he was again elected to the Assembly, and during the past year has acted with the Republicans and enjoyed great popularity.

It is difficult to estimate at this time the effect of Thiers' death upon the affairs of France. He was not only the greatest man in the country, but on his was largely dependent the result of a very grave crisis. He could be a Republican without being a Communist, and on his friends of Constitutional liberty in France leaned with a confidence that no other man could inspire. It is quite evident that MacMahon is determined to carry the election by force, if necessary, and with Thiers dead and Gambetta in prison, there seems, at present, no acknowledged leader to oppose him. We had hoped that liberal ideas had taken deeper root in France than the Republic should depend for its existence upon a single life, and it may be that this great crisis, as far as other great occasions in human affairs, may bring to the men who will be equal to the emergency. It is possible that the friends of the Republic may have lost too much upon their great leader, and that his death —which, in the course of nature, could not long be deferred—may cause them to do more upon themselves.

CITY NEWS AND GOSSIP. There were sixteen deaths in this city during the month of August, nine of which were of children.

Mr. Loring Farr of Manchester, has removed to this city, and entered the office of Gardner C. Vose. He intends to practice law here.—Rev. O. Perkins, who has assisted Dr. Quincy on the *Banner* during the past summer, left Thursday for his home in Cooperstown, N. Y. The columns of the *Banner* during the time of his engagement attest to his ability as a writer, and during his brief stay with us he has made many warm friends.—There were twenty-one degrees granted at the late term of court in this city. Fourteen were granted on application of the wife, and in most of these cases drunkenness and abuse were the causes alleged. A dispensation was granted for a new Royal Charter to be located in this city, and known as "Cusham Chapter." Over \$600 was contributed by Royal Arch Masons here, to the expense of establishing the new chapter, and it will shortly be organized for work. Dr. J. W. Howard was granted on application of the wife, and the impression made on the mind as we travelled through the town in several directions, is that the farmers of Buckfield are in no respect behind the average of other towns.

Buckfield village has always been a smart business place, though its trade is mostly confined to the patronage of the surrounding farming community, of which it is the business centre. It is situated on what is called the "Twenty Mile River," a stream which affords a good water power much of the year. There is a grist mill and several other manufacturing establishments located upon it. There are two church edifices, and the enterprising inhabitants have, within a few years, erected a fine brick school house, which is used for the purposes of the district school, and also for Free High schools. Virgil D. Parris, a politician of some repute, at one time a member of Congress and subsequently Marshal of Maine, was born and reared in this village. It is also the birth place of Hon. John D. Long, for two years past the popular Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and now a prominent candidate for Governor. He is the son of Zadock Long, Esq., for many years one of the most intelligent and valuable citizens of the town.

Buckfield was settled almost simultaneously with Paris, Bethel, Rumford and others of the more important towns in the country. About this time there was a general movement against the wilderness, all along the line, and the sound of the woodman's axe resounded through the forest, from the waters of the Saco to those of the Androscoggin. The first opening in Buckfield was made by Benjamin Spaulding of Chelmsford, Mass., in 1776. The two first settlers were Thomas Allen and Abijah Buck, who moved in about the first of April, 1777. Allen was a deserter from the British service, and Buck had been soldier in the French and Indian wars, and was in the army at Crown Point, when the fall of Quebec put an end to the long and bloody contest. The first settlers did not own the land upon which they settled, being veritable squatters, but in 1785 fifteen of them formed themselves into an association, and purchased the township of the committee of the Massachusetts Legislature, having charge of the sale of eastern lands, at two shillings per acre, with the usual reservations for ministerial and school purposes.

The names of these proprietors are listed below, and in the following table the names of the other settlers are given.

Mr. Upjohn, assisted by Bishop Neely, has elected two, one from Waterville and one from Fayette. In Portland the democrats have elected three representatives and the republicans two. Among the former is Hon. R. M. Richardson, late mayor of the city.

Two constitutional amendments submitted by the last Legislature were voted upon Monday. One provided that a person should not be allowed to vote unless within two years had paid a tax, provided the same was legally assessed against him. This was rejected.

Mr. Connor, 45; Williams, 29; Connor, 45; Williams, 42; Munson, 30; Connor, 47; Williams, 40; Ellsworth, 20; Connor, 51; Williams, 29; Eastport, Connor, 26; Williams, 14; Hallowell, Connor, 21; Williams, 10; Munson, 14; Gardiner, Connor, 33; Williams, 37; Munson, 11; Auburn, Connor, 63; Williams, 32; Munson, 30.

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Poetry.

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"Never this day, this leaf forgot."
And then—
Now could I think with all my care
What it did ever mean, and so
I slowly let the summer air
Wash over me, and it gave it peace.
With dreams in raze. And is it thus,
I muse, with this world's joy and grief
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As I wrote on my little sheet;
When, oh! without our knowledge, curved
Our scroll of earth, in its small
Casket, the world's woe.
Besides—we have forgot it all!"
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Our Story Teller.

AUNT ELLEN.

Richard Redmayne found his wife in tears, and never having seen her cry but once before, the once when she took a turn to her room, he knew she had done it, and at the same moment—felt almost terrified.

He sat down before the great arm-chair which had been perforated almost all the time, and took her little pallid hands in his great brown, tool-hardened ones, and kissed them.

"My bird," he said, "my little darling, what have you?"

And she ashamed of being caught crying, as she was, could still only shake her head, and took one hand from him, and put it about his neck for a moment or two. At last she found her voice and told him the truth.

"A letter to me from Dick."

"Yes, a letter from Aunt Ellen. Uncle Jack is dead, and she—she is! Dick, she is eighty, you know—she's afraid of going to the poor-house."

"So poor?" said Dick.

"Yes," said Rose sadly. "I don't know how it came about, but I've been away twenty years, you know, and a good deal may have happened in those years."

"What does Rose tell you?" asked Richard.

"I know what darling! We must have her here. She brought you up, and gave you to me. She shan't be degraded in her old age."

"You can't do it, Dick," said the wife.

"It was what I was crying about; but I know how hard it is for you now; for that of all my life, I have been a burden."

"The doctor here all the time, and some one to pay for the work it is my place to do, and your trade a poor one, and your chance of getting on not what it would be."

"I am not a free agent," said Uncle Dick.

"I never thought to sit here little when I was your wife—till for ten good years, and you growing gray at hard work—gray and bent, darling, before your time, like a river about to me, while I meant to help you love, not to die."

"'Idle,'" cried Dick. "Who ever heard of that? Who makes and making?" sighed the wife.

"More need than making," said the wife.

"And who gives me heart for everything with her love, and with her?"

"I am the wife of his wife. Who I know I am to you, every hair of my head just as you are dear to me; and I don't know what I'd find in life, if I didn't know that she was your wife."

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